

emies.

CHAPTER XXIV.

The Fight in the Library. "They're coming faster this time," emmarked Stoddard, as we saw the snemy advancing across the bridge.

"Certainly. Their general has been wursing them right heartily for retreating without the loot. He wants Mis \$300,000 autograph collection." obsurved Larry.

"Why doesn't he come for it him-"Like a man," I demanded.
"Like a man, do you say!" ejacu-

Thred Larry. "Faith and you flatter that flathead!"

It was nearly I1 o'clock when the at meking party returned after a parley on the ice behind the boat house. The four of us were on the terrace ready for them. They came smartly through the wood, the sheriff and Morgan alightly in advance of the others. I expected them to slauken their pace when they came to the open meadow. but they broke into a quick trot at the water tower and came toward the house as steady as veteran campaign-

"Shall we try gunpowder?" saked

"We'll let them fire the first vol-Bey," I said.

"They've already tried to murder you and Stoddard-I'm in for letting hose with the elephant guns," Larry

"Stand to your clubs," admonished Stoddard, whose own weapon was comparable to the Scriptural weaver's Beam. "Possession is nine points of the fight, and we've got the house."

"Also a prisoner of war," said Larry grinning. The English detective had smashed the glass in the barred window of the petato cellar, where Larry had lodged

him, and we could bear him howling and cursing below. "Looks like business this time!" exelaimed Larry, "Spread out now and the first head that looms over the bal

estrade gets a dose of bickory." The attacking party now divided, half halting between us and the bridge and the remainder swinging around the house toward the front entrance.

"Ah, look at that!" yelled Larry "h's a battering ram they have. O man of peace! have I your Majesty's consent to try the elephant guns

Morgan and the sheriff carried be 4ween them a stick of timber from which the branches had been cut and, with a third man to help, they ran it up the steps and against the door with a crash that came booming and echolog back through the great halls of the house.

Bates was already bounding up the front stairway, a revolver in his hand and a look of supreme race on his face. Leaving Stoddard and Larry to watch the library windows, I ran after him, and we clattered over the loose mounts in the upper half and Into a great unfluished chamber immediately ever the entrance. Bases had the win dow up when I reached him and was well out upon the coning yelling a warning to the men below

He drew his revelver up to shoot and when I caught his arm he turned to me with a look of augur and indic-nation I had never expected to see on his colurless, mask-like face.

"My God, sir! That door was his pride, air-ik came from a famous house in England, and they're wrock mg it as though it were comme

He tore himself free from my grant as the bestegers again faunched then hattering ram ugalust the door with a frigistful crash, and his revolveeracked smartly thrice, as he bent for out over the door.

His shots were a signal for a shaweply from one of the men below and I felt flates start, and pulled him in the blood streaming from his race.

"It's all right, sir-all right-only a ent across my cheek, sir"-und auother bullet smashed through the glass, spurting plaster dust from the wall. A fierce onslaught below caused a fremendous crash to echo theory the house and I heard firlne on the epposite side, where the enemy's reserve was waiting.

Bates, with a bandkerchief to his face, protested that he was unburt.

"Come below; there's nothing to be gained here"-and I ran down to the stall, where Stoddard stood, leaning upon his club like a Hercules, and goolly watching the door as it leaped and shook under the repeated blows of the bestegers.

A gun roared again at the side of the house, and I ran to the library. where Larry had pushed furniture against all the long windows save one which he held open. He stepped out upon the terrace and emptied a revol wer at the men who were now creeping slong the edge of the ravine be neath us. One of them stopped and discharged a rifle at us with deliberate aim. The ball snapped snow from . the balustrade and acreamed away

Marmlessly. "Bah," such monkeys!" he mut-tered. "I believe I've hit that chap!" One man had fallen and lay howling in the ravine, his hand to his thigh, while his comrades paused, demormlized.

"Serves you right, you blackguard!" Larry muttered.

I pulled him in and we jammed a eabinet against the door and returned

Stoddard stood at my side swinging Then his eyes fell upon me his chair defensively, the great chanshots, fell with a might; crash of his the room crystal pendants. The sheriff, leaping away from Stoddard's chair, was struck on the head and borne down by those worte as he holted for the the heavy glass. Smoke from the firing floated to held him

clouds across the room, and there was n moment's slience save for the sheriff, forth in there' sepulched voice who was groaning and cursing under ACTION OF "THE POWN CORNEY TITLES DIRECTOR FOR FIRE CONTROL OF THE POWN OF THE door Pickering's face appeared again anxious and frightened. I think the scene in the room and the slow pron Meanwhile the blows at the front ress his men were multing against us door continued with increasing vio ience. Stoddard still stood where I had half-paralyzed him. had lett him. Bates was not in sight We were all getting our second wind but the burking of a revolver above showed that he had returned to the

window to wreak vengeance on his en

Stoddard shook his head in depreca

"They fired first-we can't do less

than get back at them," I said, be-

tween the blows of the battering ram.

now splintered, but in their fear that

we might use the broken panel as a

loophole, they scampered out into

range of Bates' revolver. In return we

heard a rain of small shot on the up-

per windows and a f.w seconds later

Larry shouted that the flanking party

This movement evidently heartened

the sheriff, for under a fire from

Bates, his men charged again and the

free from the upper hinges. The low-

instant later, and the men came tum-

bling into the hall-the sheriff, Mor-

can and four others I had never seen

the confusion at the door.

the floor.

spinning into a corner.

ward the open Berary door.

o serve as a ferricano.

sere challing to from the terrace

sheriff's men were clowly gaining

"Lot go un the jump when I say

as the sheriff and his men pitched for-

ward and sprawled upon the floor;

then we were at it again to a hand-to-

"Hold time position; sir." yetled

Morgan had directed the attack

against me and I was driven upon the

hearth before the great fireplace. The

sheriff, Morgan and Ferguson bemmed

me in. It was evident that I was the

chief culprit, and they wished to clim-

finate me from the contest. Across the

room, Larry, Stoduard and flates were

engaged in a lively rough and tumble

with the rest of the bestegers, and

Stoddard, seeing my plight, leaped the

overturned table, broke past the trio-

and stood by my side, swinging a

At that moment my eyes, sweeping

the broken outer doors, saw the face of Pickering. He had come to see

that his orders were obeyed, and I re-

med in by the men he had hired to

kill me or drive me out, I felt,

rather than saw, the cowardly borror

Then the trio pressed upon me. As

I threw down my club and drew my

revolver, some one across the room

fired several shots, whose roar

through the room seemed to arrest the

fight for an instant, and then, while

depicted upon his face.

hand conflict to clear the room.

upon me.

Bairen

chair

was again at the terrace.

A panel of the great oaken door

gan in command of the enomy. One ance on Arthur Pictorium of the or two of his men, who had none down early in the struggle, were now crawling back for revenue. I think I men-

have raised my hand and pointed at the collar and dramed him to a seat, Pickering, for Bates wheeled like a where he hadded his twitching hands fish and before I realized what hap at his threat pened he had dragged the executor into "Gentlemen," said my grandlather.

"You scoundred-you ingrate!" askes. Who is this neeson howled the servant.

The blood on his face and bare chest shorts who was endeavoring to erawl and the hatred in his eyes made him a out from under the mass of broken hideons object; but in that full of the erretals storm while we waited, watching for an advantage, I heard, somewhere in Bates the wall, that same sound of footsteps that I had remarked before. Larry Jack what have you been doing for and Stoddard heard it: Bates heard it. and his eyes fixed upon Pickering with | ponce? | Duin't you know that that log crashed into the door, shaking it a glare of malicious delight.

ghost," yelled Larry

er fastenings were wrenched losse an "I think you are quite right, str." said Bates. He threw down the re Well well! I thought better of both volver he held in his hand and leaned of you. Good member 20 delard upon the edge of the long table that little work for the courch majorant Simultaneously the flanking party began smashing the small panes lay on its side, his gaze still bent on of the Horary windows. We could Pickering, who stood with his over hear the glass crack and tinkle above coat buttoned close, his derby hat on without abothing to say the floor beside him, where it had In the hall he was certainly a lucky fallen as Bates hauled film into the house explained flates man who held to his weapon a moroom

ment after the door tumbled in. I blased at the sheriff with my revolsome one walking of a careful foot it seems to have but on only enough, er, but he stumbled and half fell at on a stairway, was quite distinct. I wer, but he stumbled and half fell at on a stairway, was quite distinct. I he added and eyes the wrock of the the threshold, so that the ball passed even remarked the slight stumble that room metalls. The good house in his ever him, and he promptly scipped I had noticed before. me by the legs and had me prone and

We were all so intent on those sto half dazed by the rap of my head on in the wall that we were off guard. heard flates yell warningly, and Larry Glegarin's worst brisks with a quiet I suppose I was two or three min- and Stoddard rushed for Pickering ntes at least getting my wits. I was He had drawn a revolver from his conscious of Bates grappling overcoat pecket and was about to fire with the sheriff, who sat upon me, and at me when Stoddard sent the weapon guard, detending the interests of or is they struggled with each other I flying through the air.

got the full benefit of their combined. "Only a moment now, gentlemen." werving tessing weight. Morgan and said Bates, an odd smile on his face arry were trying for a chance at each. He was looking past me toward the other with revolvers, while Morgan right end of the fireplace. There I readly prized that chandeller im sacked the Irishman slowly toward seemed to be in the air a feeling of he library. Stoddard had seized one something impending. Even Morgan of the unknown deputies by the cole and his men, half-crouching, ready for ar and gave him a tremendous swing, a rush at me, heattated, and Pickering erking him high in the air and drive glanced nervously from one to the ing him against another invader with other of us. It was the calm before a blow that knocked both fellows the storm, in a moment we should be at each other's throats for the final "Come on to the library!" shouted struggle, and get we waited. In the Larry, and Bates, who had got me to wall I heard still the sound of steps my feet, pushed me down the hall to. They were clear to all of us now. We Mr. Sheriff if I were you let be very stood there for what seemed an eter | myoful indies; what I hald of this at Bates presented at this moment an thity-I suppose the time was really extraordinary appearance, with the not more than 30 seconds (next, wait and 1 in w a great deal that I blood from the scratch on his face ing. while I felt that something must donn know before I that Notice coursing down his check and upon his happen, the silence the wairing were shoulder. His cont and shirt has been intojecable. I grasped my pisted and form away and the blood smeared over bent low for a spring at Markan, and and pleasant world. I recommend you his breast. The fore and indignation every man in the room was instantly to see it. a bis face was something I hope had on the skeet.

n see again to a human covatenance. All but Batus. He remained rigid-"My God, this room—this heaviful flat curious state on his blood suicared his can, while Stochard Larry and I count I he and him cry as he drays face his cree lient toward the end of sourced at him tistes was helpful the the before him into the library. If the great fireplace back of me was Mr. Glennon's pride, he must. That look on his face best, a

wer to be it to be we had executated on the broad paneled change bread | Pickering at allest, and once whethat the stabt of the hearth and it was let be any a whose or real first, and We were nor interest two fires. There may that the sound of horistope blood, and Larry hort store in him. The sheriff's (arr) indictions valignation in the wall was heart again; then at conting of the result of the fibrary, and research attorive the long small operated aspectment that be indirect to-line of now that we were within Statistically showly dressing slightly upon its children who are empty in quartief. his shoulders held the four half closed bluges, then down into the room by a suffice personal statute. My against the recordered streams of the closed Marian Devereux. She were arenditative west about a time at the This name was for the dark gown in which I had seen been with a tranguil ale that was distunate, for it cave us an opportunity for her and a cleak was drawn over question to deal singly with the fellows who her shoulders. He pau

Buton had hild one of them low with a reson

who had made a non-ferous effort to her head, as she viewed our disorder, the with some parts, and princed it stick a limits into him. I was with what wretched homoskeepers you arrives a shelf for my more lenguests. Studderd as incl the door, where the gro!"

Steps were undn heard in the wall and she turned to the punct, beld it with his bands belief his back, confspen with one hand and put out the line. When he finished he walked to three," said Stoudard, and at his word. other, waiting for some one who fol. where I stool we sprang away from the door and lowed her, into the room, Larry relied with joy Then do

Then down into the roots stepped

member yet my satisfaction, as, hem. Down into the Room Stepped My Grandfather.

my grandfather, John Marshall Glenarm! His staff, his cloud, the ailk hat honest I was thoroughly feeded in above his shrowd face, and his sharp, you, Pickering. The money you owe black eyes were unmistaliable. He me is a large sum; and you were so drew a silk handkerchief from the delighted to hear of my death that you skirts of his frock coat, with a charac. didn't even make ance I was really out teristic flourish that I remembered of the way. You were perfectly willwell, and brushed a bit of dust from lag to accept lines word for it; and life was young, yet not our will, but the sieeve before looking at any of us. I must say that Bates carried it off God's be done.

"Good morning, Jack," he said, and deller, loosened or broken by the then gazed with mild curiosity about

> "Gist help us." B was Morzen I think, who sweamed

broken door, but Stoddard caught and

"Thank God, you're here; str!" broke

It seemed to my that I saw all that the debris of the chandeller. At the happened with a weird quantural disfluctures, as one were, before a storm, aired outlines of far bendlands that the monal light of day fails to disclose

I was my soit dayed and spellheund but I do not like to think even new of therefore of meterramifation's appear shock that seemed partly to break him In two so that he eragnered then gottapend, life bend falling as though to strike his knees. Larry cannot him to

"you seem to have been enjoying your

-He pointed with his stick to the

"That, sir, is the shortff," answered

"A very disorderly man, I must say, cause the sheriff see much toomychchandeler was likely to kill blis? There comes our old friend, the That think out a thousand dollars Gentleman, you are expendite whiters Ah: Morgan -- and Ferruson, 100 And this gentleman to be indicate LARLY, who was for once to bla life

TMr. Donovan -- a friend of the

The sound of a measured step, of theman, that the terms has a friend tentractical confer staring at him.

"And Pickering!" John Marchall mirth that I remembered us the preface account of something empleasant "Well, Arthur Ter afait to find you ter estate. At the this of your life, too!

"Yes. Mr. Glengers." "You eaght to have called me cartter And this furnitire wasn't Menacle

His none changed abruptly. He putated to the shortf's deputies one after the other with his stick. There was. I remembered, always something insinuating disagreeable and final about my urpedfather's staff.

"Clear out." he commanded "Banes. and these follows through the wall Diff. 176 a dead man come to life doing knew before I died Nothing, generation on firm a man for life like at

He walked about the room with the Was Mr. General's price, he must be not been on the free been accepted, the rest of the few wave classing and appears used a barry fellow who had gome in through one of Morgan a sac) trues bein stall sum: Institute the aid of between artists and the library flows and was elimined I stepped between full my eyes firstened extinction and of between artists and the library flows and was elimined I stepped because the institute of the rest of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the rest of the rest of the few wave classing and number of the rest of the rest

He paused unitateds before the do-She laughed as her eyes swept the sten for the quemerial tablet which I hale and Larry, dismosed of another "An gentlemen," she said, shaking arm those I had shetched the letter atudy of its phrases. The old sentman pulled out his glosses and shoot

Jack!" he cald, "Jack, and haying His voice think and his hands from aird as he faid them on my shoulders. Marian," he turned, so king her, but he ciri had vanished. Just as well, he said. "This room is hardly an edi-Is ing sight for a souman." I heard for on lastant, a light hurried step in the

Puckering (on heard that faint, furttive sound, and our eyes met at the intore my heart, and I felt that Pickerfire any ami knew and was glad

They have all come sir," reported Bates, retiriting to the room.

"Now, wentlemen," began my grandfather, weating himself, "this little seerer of muse was shared by only two persons. One of those was there: he cannel by an exclamation broke from all of us; and he went enjoying our amazement,— and the other was Millian Bevereys. I had obseried to your that at a man's death his property often gets into the wrong hands or becomes a hone of contenthat among lanyers. Scheelmen. and the old semileman lauriced. - an executor proves imposperent or dis-

Bickering was, the blood surging again in his face, and screamed Bates, pointing a shaking finger at the

You imposter -you perpend The law will ment with your tare

To be seen recumed my grand father exists. Batter dol not be tale. artifacity about my death, but point

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"Plates, if was ton to a h and those have had them and womome. But as H C Sullivan. it is, they go to lie.h. If he shows any mercy on you to contacting them he's not the boy I think he is."

Pirkering rose, selzed his hat and backed away toward like shattered library door. He paused for a moment, his face livid with rage.

"You old fool" he screamed at my resulfather "You aid lunated I wish to God I had never seen you! No won-der you came mack to life! You're & tricks old days and too most to die He turned toward me with some site Har complaint ready at his tongue's wnd, but Steddard caught him by s builders and threat him our upon the

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